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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: CODEL FINDLEY

REF: STATE 077559

1. FOR YOUR INFORMATION, AP STRINGER IN DAMASCUS RECEIVED TIP FROM AP/BEIRUT THAT CONGRESSMAN FINDLEY WAS HERE IN DAMASCUS. STRINGER CONFRONTED CONGRESSMAN JUST BEFORE HE WAS TO MEET PRESIDENT ASAD AND IN QUESTIONING ASKED PURPOSE OF CONGRESSMAN'S VISIT TO ADEN. IN CONVERSATION WITH ME AFTER ASAD MEETING, CONGRESSMAN FINDLEY WAS CONCERNED THAT HIS TRIP TO ADEN NOW SEEMED TO BE IN PUBLIC DOMAIN AND ASKED THAT I DO WHAT I COULD TO REDUCE IMPACT OF THE STORY.

2. AFTER LEAVING CONGRESSMAN, GNEHM CHECKED WITH STRINGER WHO INFORMED HIM STORY HAD ALREADY BEEN FILED TO EFFECT THAT CONGRESSMAN PROCEEDING TO ADEN TO ASSIST CONSTITUENT IN SOME DIFFICULTY THERE. STRINGER ALSO INFORMED US THAT HE RECEIVED TIP ON STORY FROM HIS OFFICE IN BEIRUT AND THAT THEY ALREADY HAVE CONFIRMATION OF BOTH VISIT AND PURPOSE OF VISIT FROM ADEN EMBASSY IN BEIRUT. STRINGER TELLS US AP/BEIRUT PLANS MEET CONGRESSMAN TONIGHT AT AIRPORT IN HOPES GETTING FURTHER DETAILS ON HIS PLANS IN ADEN.

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EM BELIEVE IT ADVISABLE FOR EMBASSY OFFICER TO TRY
AND FOREWARN CONGRESSMAN OF AP PLANS, AND ALSO EXPLAIN
TO HIM THAT STORY ORIGINATED IN BEIRUT AND NOT DAMASCUS.
(ORIGINAL STATE MESSAGE, STATE 83812, LISTED CONGRESSMAN'S
FLIGHT TO BEIRUT AS ME 364 REPEAT ME 364).
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